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In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/369,424

Group Art Unit: 2624

Technology Center 2600

Confirmation No.: 6768

Examiner: Stephen M. Brinich

Filed: August 06, 1999

For: **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD USING THE
SAME**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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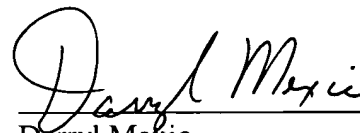
Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 15, 2003, for the above-identified application.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1 - 6, 10-15 and 19-22 without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected Group II and Group III.

Respectfully submitted,



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